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RE APPLICATION OF

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: EXAMINER: REDDICK, MARIE L.

SERIAL NO: 09/963,425

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FILED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

FOR: RADIATION-RESISTANT
ADHESIVE COMPOSITION AND
ADHESIVE PRODUCT USING THE
SAME

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of April 3, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, Claim 8, drawn to a method of sterilizing a radiation-resistant adhesive product. In addition, Applicants elect the following species:

- a) The acrylic polymer of the examples, comprising n-butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexylacrylate and acrylic acid;
- b) hydrogenated rosin ester; and
- e) the polyethylene terephthalate film of the examples.

With respect to the elected species, Applicants respectfully submit that should the elected species be found allowable, the Office should expand its search to the non-elected species.

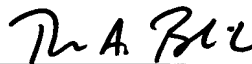
Applicants wish to thank Examiner Reddick for her indication, during the telephone discussion with Applicants' representative on April 23, 2003, that because the additive of species "d" is an optional component of the radiation-resistant medical adhesive product of

Claim 3, it need not be elected unless Group I is elected. In addition, the Examiner indicated that the form of the medical adhesive product (i.e., species "c") need not be elected if Group II is elected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notification thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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